

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE Informational Guide

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Visit our website: www.stoneham-ma.gov

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Cheryl Noble

Police Chief

James McIntyre

Fire Chief

Matthew Grafton

<u>Director of Planning</u>

Erin Wortman

Council on Aging Director

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Library Director

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Recreation Director

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John Fralick

Addiction Coordinator

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Human Resource Director

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Welcome to Stoneham

This publication was designed to act as a reference guide providing information about the Town of Stoneham and our local government.

I sincerely hope that the reader will enjoy this brochure and find it to be a ready source of useful information.

Maria Sagarino, Town Clerk

Some Facts About Stoneham

Settled 1668

Stoneham was originally settled around The current town hall was built in 1668 as part of Charlestown and was referred to as "Charlestown End".

The current town hall was built in 1939 using funds provided by a grave of the United States of America as

Incorporated 1725

The people of "Charlestown End" preferred their own church. They petitioned to become a separate town which became duly incorporated by the laws of the province of Massachusetts Bay in 1725.

Town Hall - 35 Central Street

The current town hall was built in 1939 using funds provided by a grant of the United States of America, a gift of Samuel H. Webber and an appropriation of the town.

Population

The population in Stoneham is 21,437 per the 2010 Federal Census.



The Town of Stoneham does not allow on-street parking overnight from December 1st until April 1st each year.

Cars may be ticketed from 1AM-6AM.

There is a town-wide speed limit of 25 mph unless otherwise posted.

Municipal Boards/Chairmen

The following is not a complete list of all the municipal committees within the Town of Stoneham. This partial list consists of appointed and elected boards that meet on a regular basis. More information may be found on the Town's website. All Boards/Committees must post meetings in compliance with the Open Meeting Law. Meetings are posted on the Town Clerk's counter and under the Calendar on the home page of the town's website www.stoneham-ma.gov.

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Board of Appeals Tobin Shulman	Finance & Advisory Board Tim Waitkevitch	Open Space & Rec Steve Mcdonough
Board of Assessors Craig Celli	<u>Board of Health</u> Teresa Dean	<u>Planning Board</u> Gus Niewenhous
Select Board Shelly MacNeilll Conservation Commission	<u>Historical Commission</u> Marcia Wengen Dolly Wilson	School Committee Rachel Meredith- Warren
Ellen McBride Robert Parsons	<u>Library Trustees</u> Rocco Ciccarello	Tri-Community Bike & Greenway Committee Dolly Wilson

FY2019 Tax Rate

Residential \$11.22

Commercial, Industrial &

Personal Property \$21.33

Election Polling Place

Precincts 1-7
Stoneham Town Hall

ELECTIONS/TOWN MEETINGS

October 21, 2019 - Special Town Meeting March 3, 2020 - Presidential Primary April 7, 2020 - Annual Town Election May 4, 2020 - Annual Town Meeting September 1, 2020 - State Primary November 3, 2020 - General Election



Board Meetings



In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, the public is welcome to attend all board meetings. Meeting notices are posted on the Town Clerk's office counter and are available to view 24/7 on the town website at www.stoneham-ma.gov under the Calendar.

Most meetings are held at the Town Hall, 35 Central Street but each meeting posting includes the location.

Dog Licenses



All dogs 6 months and older must be licensed annually in accordance with Massachusetts General Law and the Town of Stoneham bylaws. The licensing is required before April 1st each year. Rabies vaccinations must be current in order to obtain a license. Beginning in January, licenses

May be obtained through the mail by sending the license fee along with a copy of the rabies certificate and a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Town Clerk's Office. The current fee for a neutered male or a spayed female is \$10.00 and \$20.00 for a dog that is not altered. The fee for a kennel license is \$30.00.

<u>Late Fees</u>: Licenses paid after March 31st are subject to a late fee of \$10.00.

Residents should notify the Town Clerk's Office if they no longer have a dog that was previously licensed.

Helpful Telephone Numbers

for an Emergency dial 911

Fire Dept.......781-438-0127 (for regular business) 25 Central Street

Police Dept....781-438-1215 (for regular business) 47 Central Street

Council on Aging......781-438-1157

Public Works Dept......781-438-076016 Pine Street

Animal Control.......781-507-3207 (ACO- Brian Johnston)

Tree Warden.....781-438-0760 (*Jim Previte*)

Veterans Agent......781-279-2664 (*Jim Devlin*)

Mailing Address for most Offices: 35 Central St, Stoneham, MA 02180

Town Hall Offices

35 Central Street Office Hours:

Mon-Wed-Thurs 8AM-4PM
Tues 8AM-7PM Fri 8AM-Noon



Schools www.stonehamschools.org

School Superintendent

149 Franklin Street 781-279-3802 Superintendent John Macero

Stoneham Central Middle School

101 Central Street 781-279-3840 Principal Christopher Banos

Colonial Park Elementary School

30 Avalon Road 781-279-3890 Principal Sarah Hardy

Robin Hood Elementary School

70 Oak Street 781-279-3870 Principal Maura Donoghue

South Elementary School

11 Summer Street 781-279-3880 Principal Sharon Bird

Stoneham High School

149 Franklin Street, Stoneham, MA 02180 781-279-3810 Principal Bryan Lombardi

Stoneham Public Library

431 Main Street 781.438.1324 www.stonehamlibrary.org Adult Hours

 $\rm M,\,T,\,Th\,\,10AM\text{-}9PM$ $\rm W\,\&\,F\,\,10AM\text{-}5PM$ Sat $\rm 10AM\text{-}2PM$ (After Labor Day-2nd Sat in June)

<u>Children's Library Hours</u> Mon 1PM-9PM T, Th 10AM-6PM W,

Houses of Worship



St Patrick Church 781-438-0960

71 Central Street

The First Congregational Church 781-438-0097

Main at Church and Common Streets

First Baptist Church 781-438-3074

457 Main Street

St James Methodist Church 781-438-0365

50 Central Street

Stoneham Memorial Seventh Day Adventist 781-438-2977

29 Maple Street

All Saints Episcopal Church 781-438-2776

79 Central Street

Stoneham Jehovah's Witness 781-665-1468

203 Franklin Street

Korean Seventh Day Adventist 781-279-3270

4 Spring Street

Local Newspapers

Stoneham Independent 781-438-1660

http://homenewshere.com/stoneham_independent/

Stoneham Sun 508-626-3939

http://stoneham.wickedlocal.com/

Boston Globe, Boston 888-694-5623

www.bostonglobe.com

Boston Herald, Boston 617-426-3000

www.bostonherald.com





Governor/Senators/Representatives

Governor

Governor Charlie Baker 617-725-4005 State House, Room 280

Boston, MA 02133

Senators in Congress

Senator Edward Markey 617-565-8519

975 John F. Kennedy Bldg

Boston, MA 02203

Senator Elizabeth Warren 617-565-3170

2400 John F. Kennedy Bldg.

Boston, MA 02203

U.S. Rep. in Congress - 5th Congressional

Rep. Katherine Clark 617-354-0292 701 Concord Ave Suite 101 Cambridge, MA 02138

Senator in State House

Senator Jason Lewis 5th Middlesex District 617-722-1206

617-722-2210

State House, Room 511B Boston, MA 02133

Jason.lewis@masenate.gov

State Representatives

Representative Michael Day

31st Middlesex District State House, Room 473F

Boston, MA 02133

Michael.day@mahouse.gov

STONEHAM COUNCIL ON AGING



The Stoneham Senior Center is located at 136 Elm Street. The Center has services, programs and activities, and a variety of resources available throughout our region that enable seniors to live vibrant, active, and healthy lives. Join us for lunch. Stop by for a game of pool, cards, Scrabble, Clue, Monopoly, or Wii. Hone your dancing and singing talents. Meet new friends, and renew old acquaintances. Learn new skills and hobbies. Go out to museums, performances, special events, and meals with fun people. Seek assistance with filing taxes, choosing the right insurance, or managing medical issues. Be driven in comfort to the grocery store and to doctors' appointments. There is no end to the opportunities available at your Senior Center. And if we don't have what you need, speak up. The Sentinel showing a calendar of events, functions and services at the center is available monthly. Please call 781-438-1157 for more information.

Senior/Veteran Tax Work-Off Programs

We have tax work-off programs in Stoneham for eligible property owners. Please contact Senior Center Director Maureen Canova at 781-438-1157 or Veteran's Agent Jim Devlin at 781-279-2664 for more information.

Stoneham Historical Society

36 William Street, Stoneham, MA 02180 781-832-2196

The Stoneham Historical Society is an all volunteer organization founded in 1922. Their mission is to study the history of the Town of Stoneham; to collect and preserve articles of historic interest pertaining to the town; and to maintain a Historical Library and Museum.

Visit the Stoneham Historical Society website at www.stonehamhistory.org



Unicorn Golf Course 460 William Street (781) 438-9732 www.unicorngc.com



Other Points of Interest:

Stone Zoo 149 Pond Street 617-541-LION (5466) www.zoonewengland.org

Middlesex Fells Reservation
Dept of Conservation & Recreation
4 Woodland Road
(617) 727-1199 ext 406
www.mass.gov/locations/
middlesex-fells-reservation

Spot Pond Reservoir 4 Woodland Road www.boatinginboston.com

At Middlesex Fells and Spot Pond you can hike, bike, fish, or let your dog run free in the offleash area. Rent a canoe or kayak to explore Spot Pond.

Stoneham Town Common

The Town Common is home to the Stoneham Farmer's Market each Thursday afternoon from the beginning of June to early October each year. A list of participating vendors can be found at www.stonehamfarmersmarket.com.

The Stoneham Chamber of Commerce hosts a number of free concerts on Thursday evenings during the summer. More information can be found on the chamber's web site www.stonehamchamber.org.

Stoneham Recreation organizes events on the common in the spring, summer & fall.

In the winter you will find an outside ice skating rink (weather permitting).





335 Main St, Suite 202 781.438.0001

www.stonehamchamber.org

Stoneham Chamber of Commerce was established in 1984. Over the years, it has expanded to include approximately 275 business members in Stoneham and neighboring communities. It continuously offers a variety of benefits and services to its members and to the community at large, including community-wide events, advertising and visibility opportunities, sponsorship opportunities, advocacy at the local and state levels, networking, workshops and educational forums.

Utility Phone Numbers

Eversource Electric 1-800-592-2000

National Grid (Gas) 1-800-233-5325

Verizon Telephone 1-800-870-9999

Comcast Cable 1-888-633-4266

YOUTH RECREATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Stoneham Recreation Dept
www.stonehamrec.com

Stoneham Soccer Club
www.stonehamsoccerclub.com

Stoneham Youth Basketball www.stonehamyouthbasketball.org

Stoneham Baseball www.stonehambaseball.com

Stoneham Youth Hockey www.syhockey.com

Girl Scouts www.gsema.org

Boy Scouts

www.troop513stoneham.org













CURBSIDE TRASH PICK UP AND RECYCLING

The Town of Stoneham offers curbside collection of household trash on a weekly basis. We have a 90 gallon limit per trash fee paying household for trash collection and a mandatory single stream recycling collection service. One bulk item up to 50 lbs may also be placed curbside. Your trash and recycling must be set out curbside by 7AM on the scheduled pick up day.



Overflow bags are available at the Office of the Tax Collector at a cost of \$2.00. per 30 gallon bag.

All acceptable recyclable materials can be combined together in a container. They should be free of food waste or trash. There is no need to separate newspapers from bottles or cans, etc. A container can be a trash barrel, tote or paper bag (no plastic or trash bags), but should be identified as recycling on the container. Green recycling sticks are available at the Department of Public Works and Town Hall at no charge for ease of marking.



ITEMS THAT CAN BE RECYCLED AT THE CURBSIDE:

Newspaper, Magazines, Catalogs, Telephone Books, Soft Cover Books, Junk Mail/Envelopes, Paper, Paperboard (cereal/shoe boxes), Flattened Cardboard, Brown Paper Bags, Plastics Marked #1 through #7, Glass Bottles/Jars, Aluminum (pie plates/trays), Metal Cans (tin, steel, aluminum).

ITEMS THAT CANNOT BE RECYCLED AT THE CURBSIDE:

No Plastic Bags, No Ceramics, No Dishes, No Pyrex, No Mirrors, No Windows, No Auto Glass, No Unmarked Plastics, No Coat Hangers, No Light Bulbs, No Motor Oil or Antifreeze Containers, No Paint Cans, No Aerosol Cans, No Cell Phones, No Appliances, No Pots or Pans, No Furniture, No Batteries, No Building Products, No 5-Gallon Pails, No Cables or Wires, No Styrofoam, No aluminum foil, No straws, No dirty paper towels or dirty paper plates, No plastic bags, No lint.

STEVENS STREET RECYCLING CENTER

(AVAILABLE TO TOWN TRASH CUSTOMERS)

Drop-Off

Yard Waste-White Goods-Cardboard

Metal Items (Fees Apply)

Recycling sticker required for each vehicle using Stevens Street Recycling Yard.

Stickers may be obtained at the Department of Public Works, 16 Pine Street, during business hours.

The hours of operation for the Stevens Street Recycling Center can be found at www.stoneham-ma.gov under the Public Works Department or by calling 781.438.0760.

CURBSIDE LEAF PICKUP

The Town provides curbside leaf pickup for several weeks in the fall and the spring. Leaves may be put out in paper bags or barrels/containers (without covers) that may be easily dumped. They must be curbside by 7AM on your regular trash day during the scheduled weeks. A schedule will be placed on the web site in advance of the leaf pick up weeks.

Form of Government

Open Town Meeting

The legislative body of Stoneham's town government is Open Town Meeting considered to be the purest form of democracy. Open Town Meeting allows for all of the Town's voters to attend and vote on all town matters at hand. In Stoneham there is an Annual Town Meeting held on the first Monday in May as well as a Special Town Meeting held annually in October as set by the Select Board. Other Special Town Meetings can be held as needed.

Annual Town Election

The Annual Town Election is held on the first Tuesday in April of each year to elect certain town officers.

Select Board

Five members elected to 3 year terms

Dava Kilbride, Office Manager

Town Hall, 2nd Floor 35 Central Street 781.279.2680 dkilbride@stoneham-ma.gov

Usual Meetings

The Select Board usually meets twice per month on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Hearing Room.

Responsibilities

As the Chief Executive Body of Stoneham's town government, the Select Board has general supervision over all matters that are not specifically delegated by law or vote to some other town officer or board. The Board sets policy & priorities for the Town. The Select Board functions as the Liquor Licensing authority issuing those licenses among others. The Select Board is responsible for hiring the Town Administrator who oversees the day-to-day operations of the Town. Complaints are heard by the Select Board only after the Town Administrator has first attempted to resolve the issues.

Town Administrator

Dennis Sheehan

Town Hall, 2nd Floor 35 Central Street 781.279.2600 dsheehan@stoneham-ma.gov

Responsibilities

The Town Administrator, under the policy direction of the Select Board, has general oversight over the daily operations of the Town. He serves as the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town and is responsible for procurement, personnel, Town property and resolving a wide variety of issues. Resident complaints should be handled through this office for resolution before seeking out help from the Select Board.

The Town Administrator and his staff are available to assist residents with any questions or concerns regarding general business matters, human resource issues, and insurance/benefit inquiries.